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## SORROW AND EMBARRASSMENT.

It pains us to apologize to our readers for any apparent evidences of neglect on our part either in the business or editorial management of the EVANGELIST. We thought while getting out number one of this year that we then reached a point where we could render better service than we ever had before. But the very night we mailed this number we made the frightful discovery of a hard body the size of a man's double fist in the right side of the abdomen of Master Homer.

The first doctor we consulted here at Chicago allayed our fears somewhat for two or three days, saying that the trouble was only an impaction. Further examination however has convinced us that the trouble is a tumor in the omentum involving all the glands in that region of his stomach, and permeating the intestines so as to make its removal by surgery an impossibility.

The only hope we now have of saving our dear and only child's life so far as human agency is concerned is in internal remedies. This all the noted physicians claim will avail nothing. There are M. D's however who claim they will. To them we now turn.

With our dear Homer's life hanging on so slender thread as we must believe it does, our readers will be able to realize the disadvantages we have to contend with. We could do better if we were at the office in Ashland, where all our files, supplies, etc., are. But we have not the means to employ any competent person to do the work for us.

Will you therefor indulge us a few weeks, and report all errors to us until everything is made right. Do not hesitate to repeat requests.

Chicago, Jan. 12th, 1894.

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CHICAGO, Jan. 15th, 1894.

The doctor to whom we took Master Homer, as referred to above, differed essentially in regard to the source and character of the tumor, and with great emphasis advised against an explorative incision. He says

such an operation would be almost certain to prove fatal, and if it did not would hasten death. He assured us however that such tumors are removed by internal remedies.

We were unable to get the remedy prescribed until late last Saturday evening, and the Doctor said it would take ten days before the effect upon the tumor would be noticeable.

So far as the patient is concerned he is failing very rapidly. The tumor seems double the size it was two weeks ago when we first discovered it, and produces almost constant pain and nausea. This coupled with almost constant wakefulness and no appetite will soon wreck the body of our dear child. We are very grateful to those who have written us letters of sympathy. Notwithstanding the doctor's statement that he can cure our boy it does not seem possible to us. If recovery comes we shall feel it is the result of the united prayers of those who love him.

We shall hope not to use so much space again in the paper with our personal sorrow. What we have said has been to reconcile our patrons to our forced disadvantages in properly discharging our duties with the EVANGELIST.

All matter for the paper and business for the office can be more promptly attended to by addressing all to

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CHICAGO.

It will be a very great favor to us if all who ever have contributed to the paper would now do so. Of course it is expected that you will write only what you know will be in harmony with the policy of the paper. We would also feel greatly favored if every church would report its work by postal card, and not less frequently than once a month. You can more than atone for any of the defects from our inattention if you will do this.

S. J. H.

## OHIO CHURCHES.

## THE HOMER CHURCH.

This church is situated in Medina county seven miles north-west of West Salem, on the N. Y. P. & O. R. R., town of about one thousand people, and three miles north-west of Homerville, a little hamlet on the B. & O. R. R.

It was organized in the fall of 1882 by Elders P. J. Brown and J. H. Worst with twenty-one members scattered over a territory of many miles—only three members living near enough to the meeting house to attend services regularly.

Before "the division" the church owned two houses, and was known as the "Black River church." About one third of these

members voted to "go Progressive." An amicable division of the property was made whereby the brethren held a three-fifths interests in the "Homer church."

In the spring of 1884, Bro. H. S. Jacobs, the present pastor, located in the congregation near the meeting house. He had previously held a successful revival in the church when all three branches were together. The first winter after Bro. Jacobs took charge, he held a protracted meeting when thirty-three were added—principally or all by baptism. Two years later, in 1886, he held another series of meetings when ten more made the good confession, and were received into fellowship. The same pastor has continued his services of love, holding all the revivals held in his congregation, save one by Bro. J. Allen Miller, last winter which resulted in five accessions; and none has a congregation of over eighty members.

The last successful revival in the congregation by the pastor was held two years ago, when eighteen were added to the church.

In these years of successful work by Bro. Jacobs the two fifths interest in the meeting house owned by the G. B. Brethren has been purchased, and repaired and put in first class order.

From the first a prayer meeting has been well sustained. One of the brethren informed us that it has never been rained or stormed out. Considering the fact that only two families of members live within a radius of one mile of the church this is a remarkable record. It certainly speaks well for the spiritual temperature of the membership.

A Sunday school is sustained during the summer months. Young people and children seem scarce in the neighborhood of the church, and that makes it difficult to sustain an interest in work for the young commensurate with the success in other lines.

Bro. D. J. Myers was elected reporter for the church, and also appointed agent for the EVANGELIST. We hope to hear from him regularly through the year.

We preached for them on the Saturday evening and Sunday before Christmas. We had attentive audiences and excellent entertainment. The more we mingle with our Brethren the more we love them. This suggests to us that we keep at too great distances from each other. Let us love with a pure heart fervently.

[The above should have appeared sooner. The illness of our boy so prostrated us that we forgot almost everything but him.]

Bro. McFaden has recovered from his indisposition, and of course is as usual hard at work. He indorses the sentiment, "help up—keep up"